

# Critical Issues

Affecting Lake County, Florida



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<b>Population</b>	<b>277,035</b>
<b>County Seat</b>	<b>Tavares</b>
<b>Number of Lakes</b>	<b>1,700</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>5 District Commissioners elected countywide Non-charter county</b>
<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Catherine Hanson</b>

# Lake County

<b>Growth Rate</b> <i>2000 – 2004</i>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Median Age</b> <i>(7th In State)</i>	<b>46</b>
<b>Demographics:</b>	
White	<b>83%</b>
Black	<b>8.3%</b>
Hispanic	<b>7.5%</b>

# Lake County History

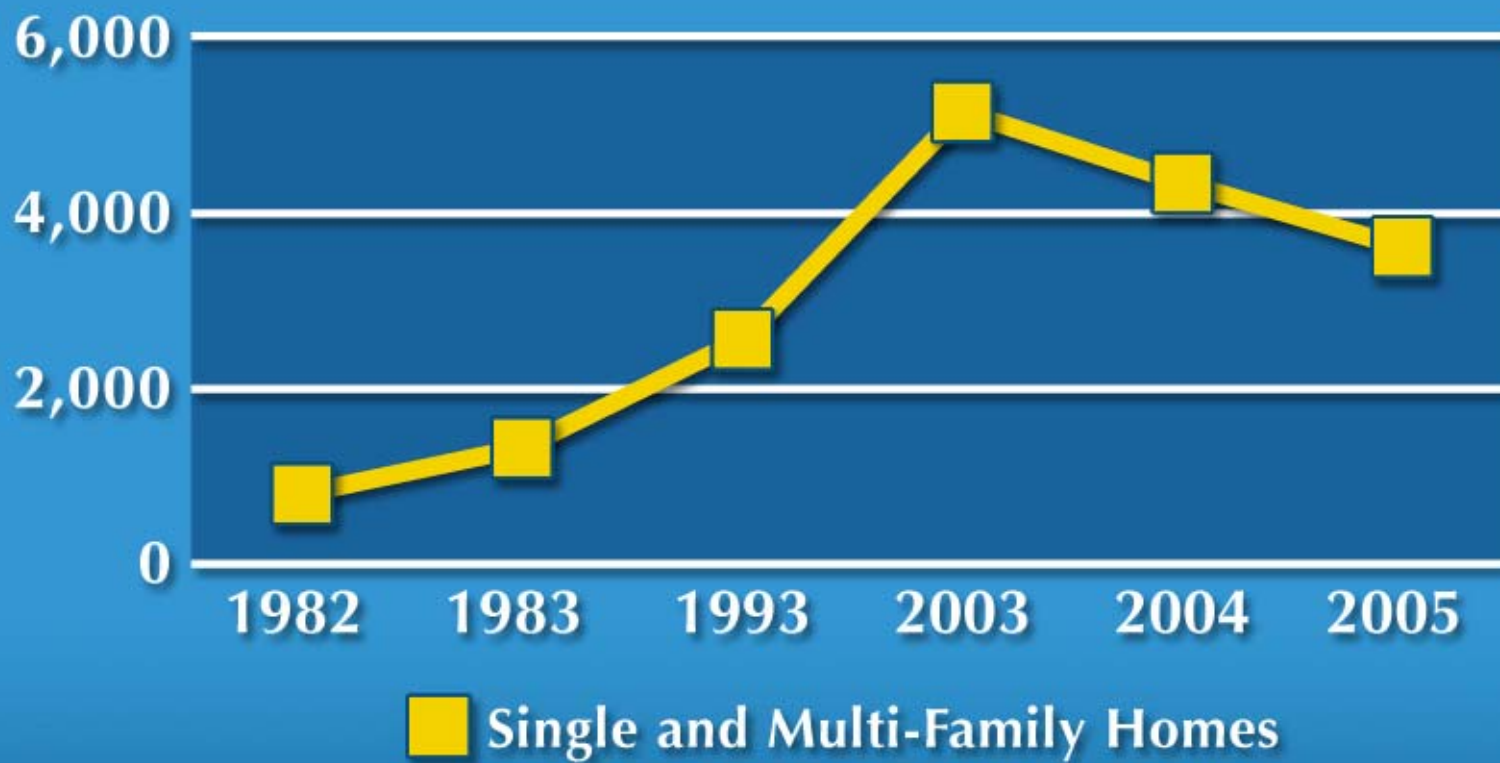
Agricultural Industry		
	Farm Proprietors	Agriculture as % of Total Employment
1983	1,907	9.3%
1993	1,257	3.1%
2003	1,555	1.8%



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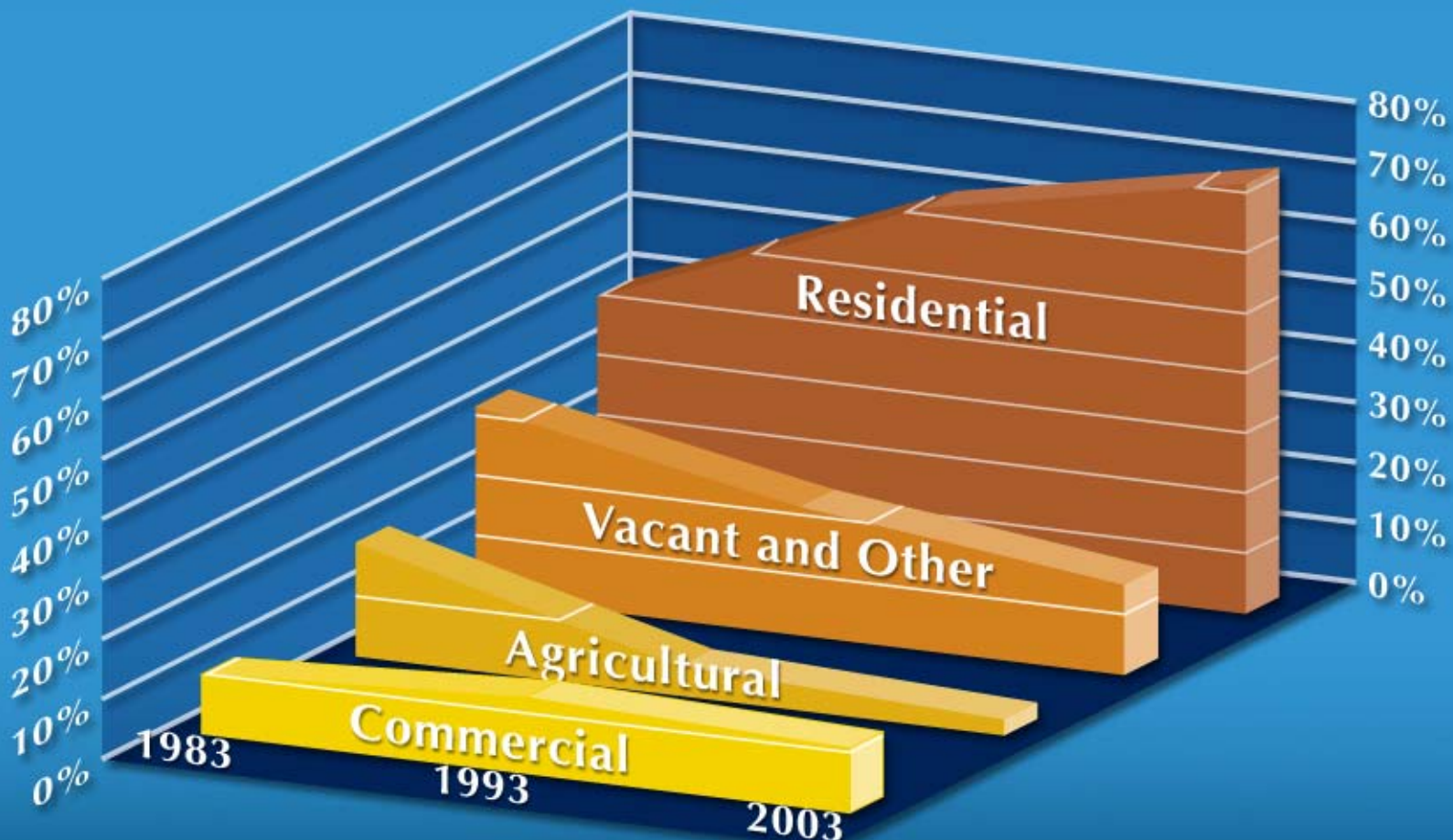
Citrus		
	Number of Boxes Produced	Number of Acres Production
1982	27 million	117,730
1992	2 million	18,604
2002	6 million	18,835

## Building Permits

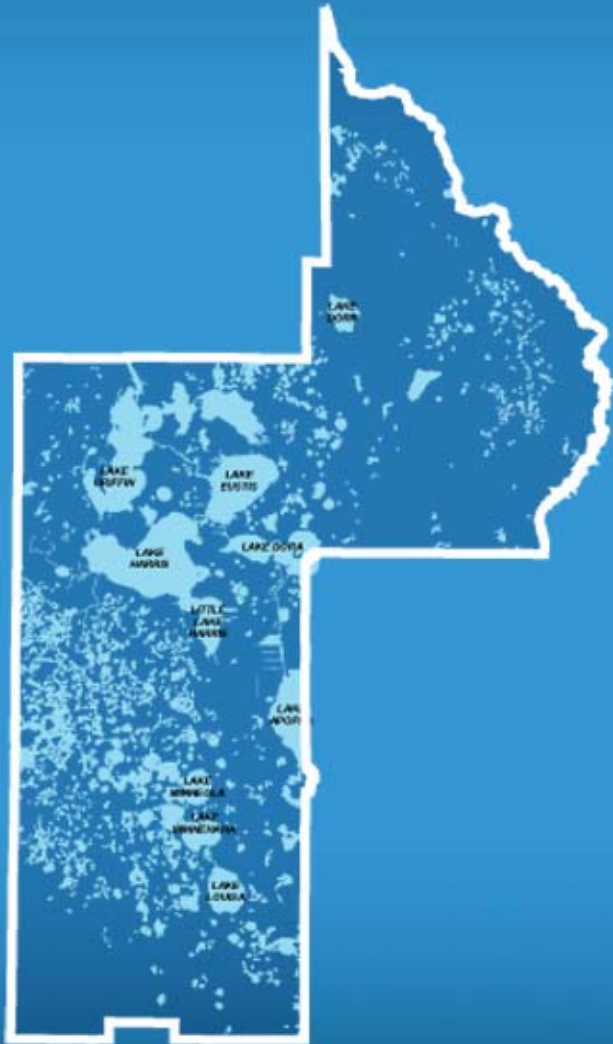


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## Property Value Composition



# Environmental Issue for Lake County



# Water Resources

- Preserve and improve water quality of lakes
- Develop long-term potable water sources
- Develop environmentally sensitive wastewater management system



# Historical Approach to Water Resources

- Lack of water resource master planning
- Parochial approach to community water and wastewater infrastructure
  - a) Individual wells and septic systems
  - b) Small central systems constructed by developers

# Characteristics of Historical Approach

- “State of the art” at the time of installation
- Poor ongoing maintenance
- Antiquated environmental controls
- Increase in TMDL (*Total Maximum Daily Load*) of nitrates and phosphates
- Decrease in water quality in Lake County lakes

# Lake County's Remediation Plans



- Water basin plans and enhanced water quality monitoring activities
- Countywide monitoring for all stormwater management activities
- Closely working with private potable water providers through the development review process

# Future Alternatives



- More stringent review of causes of increased TMDL's as well as enforcement programs
- Enhanced coordination of water resources on a regional basis
- More effective county water resource management policy for development and growth



# Transportation Issues

## Growth, Funding, Mass Transit

- **Population projection 2025 – 460,103**
- **Funding deficit – \$1 Billion Dollars.**  
Due to higher real estate and material costs, planned projects are being bid at significantly higher contract amounts than the original estimates; in some cases 50% to 100% higher.
- **Mass transit – Coming online**

# County Maintained Roads

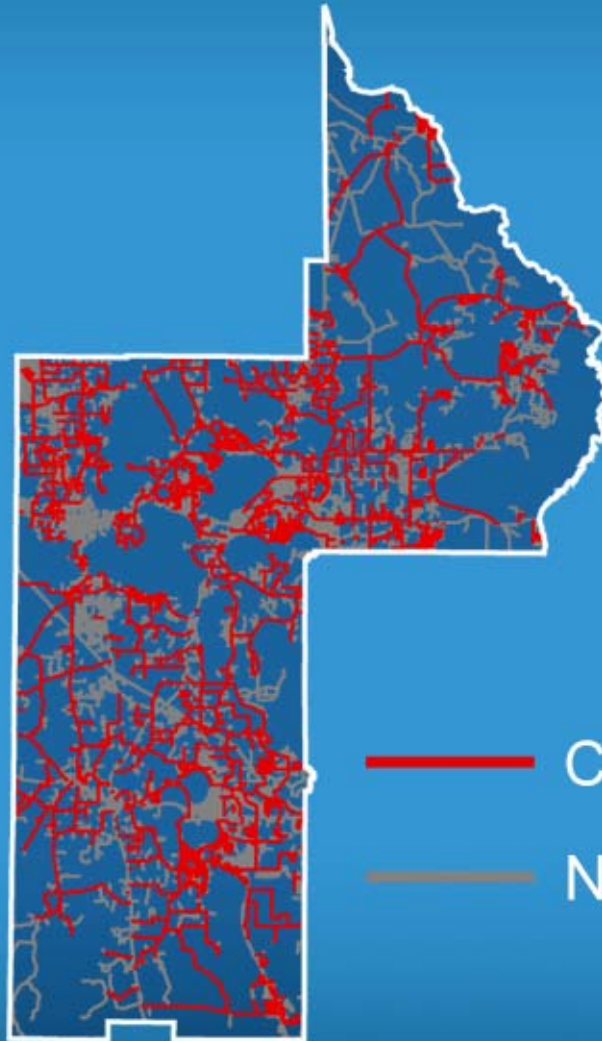
- 1,350 centerline road miles
- Funded entirely by County's gas taxes - \$12 million annually or \$9k per centerline mile:
  - Maintenance includes:
    - ✓ Mowing on 6-8 week cycle
    - ✓ Grading of clay every 2 weeks
    - ✓ Annual sign inspection
    - ✓ Asphalt repair
    - ✓ Pavement inspection
    - ✓ Resurfacing
    - ✓ Trees trimmed

# Non-Maintained Roads



- 1,926 roads
- Sandy, poor drainage, narrow, often obstructed by tree limbs
- 901 have public ROW, 180 miles of mostly dirt/gravel roads
- Cost to bring 142 miles into maintenance system:
  - a) Clay - \$13M
  - b) Asphalt - \$71M
- 897 roads have no ROW

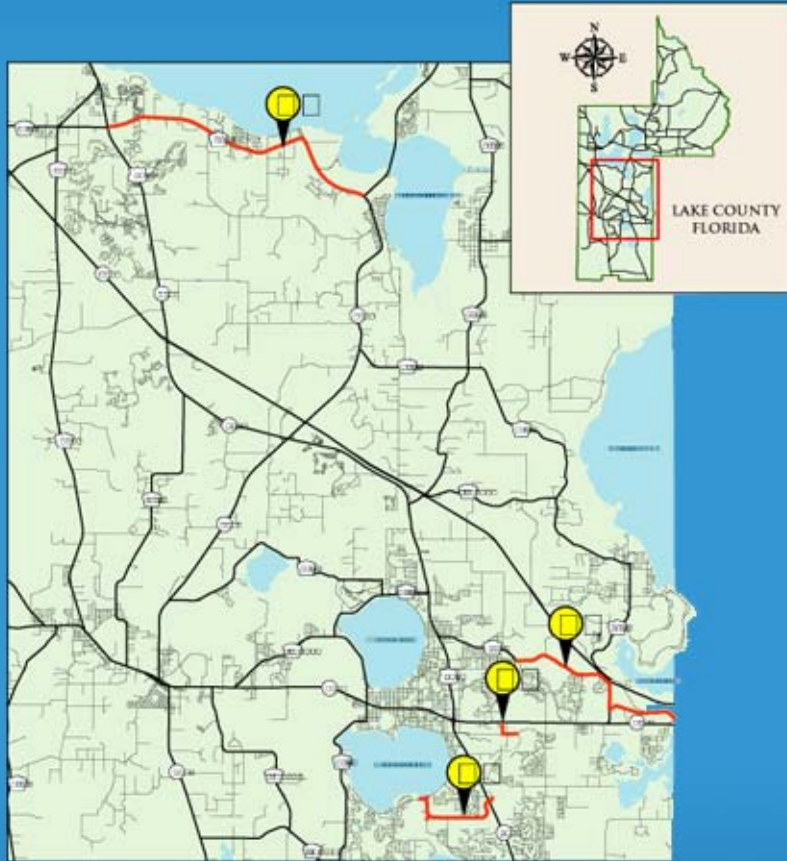
# Maintained Roads vs. Non-Maintained Roads



- County Maintained Roads
- Non County Maintained Roads



# County Transportation CIP



- Hooks Street and Citrus Tower Blvd.
- CR 48
- South Clermont Connector
- South Lake Trail – Minneola Trail

# Major Transportation Projects

- **Wekiva Parkway:** Regionally significant project connecting 429 to I-4
- **SR 50 Corridor Improvements:** This project is funded from the Turnpike west to Hancock Road for construction in 2007/08.
- **US 441 Improvements:** This is a top priority to widen 441 to a six-lane road throughout the County. Two segments have been completed, two are underway, one is funded for future construction and four remain unfunded for construction. At the current rate, it will take another decade to complete.
- **Turnpike interchange:** The interchange would provide access to the Turnpike via three corridors: an extension northward from Clermont of Hancock Road, improvement eastward from US 27 of North Grassy Lake Road in Minneola, and a realignment in the Sugarloaf area of CR 561 and CR 561-A to the new interchange

**Funding Deficit: \$1 Billion**

# Fixed Route Plans

- Leesburg to Eustis – Begin in February 2007, 1-hour headways
- Commuter services along SR 50 morning and evening, park and ride facility in cooperation with Lynx, Metroplan Orlando, Lake-Sumter MPO, FDOT
- Link 55 extension along 192 to begin in December

# Thank you



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